

# Housing Happenins'

May 2003



## Yard of the Month Contest



With the coming of Spring also comes our Yard of the Month contest. Those of you who are avid gardeners will be interested in how yards are judged. The following criteria must be met in order to get "Yard of the Month":

- Lawn, hedges/shrubs – grass is neatly cut, paved areas edged and hedges/shrubs trimmed and shaped. **This includes front and back.**
- Building exterior **front and back** – well-maintained and clean; including carport, patio, parking areas, storage areas and trash containers.
- Flowers and plants tastefully added to enhance overall appearance.

### Dates for judging will be:

12-16 May: Yard of the Month Selection

16-20 June: Yard of the Month Selection

14-18 July: Yard of the Month Selection

21-25 July: Yard of the Area Selection

4-8 August: Yard of the Year Selection

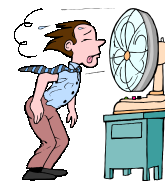


Signs will be placed in the yards identifying the winners at the end of each judging period.

NSA Mid-South Commanding Officer will appoint a panel to select area winners and then select one small yard and one large "Yard of the Year." Pictures of the winners will appear in the *Bluejacket* and plaques and free dinner certificates will be awarded.

## Air Conditioning Systems

Now that the cold weather has left, be sure and turn on your central air system to make sure it is working properly. If you find that your air conditioner is not working properly, you may call the Maintenance Contractor at 872-0400. If you wait until weather is hot, the contractor could be deluged with urgent calls, and you could have to wait longer for service. Make sure your filter is clean—*change your filter at least once a month*. If you or your family members have asthma or other medical conditions, you may wish to change your filter more often. Filters are available free of charge at Self-Help.



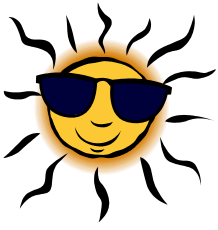
## Grass Cutting



For those of you living in Wherry Housing (Fairway Homes), remember to pick up toys and all personal items for the grass mowers who are now cutting your yards. While it's nice to have your yard cut and maintained, please don't forget that patio areas are the residents' responsibility. Weeding, edging, or keeping the grass cut just takes a few minutes and helps keep pest population to a minimum while maintaining the overall appearance of your patio. Be sure and call your

Community Manager if you have any problems with the grass mowers. Southside people and residents in the Conway units on Attu Extended and Nautilus must mow their own yards. If you have any questions regarding how much you should mow, please call your Community Manager.

## Summer Fun



Summer will be here soon and our children will be out of school! The warm weather is nice and our children will create many wonderful childhood memories with their friends while playing and visiting throughout the neighborhood. In order to maintain a quiet, peaceful environment everyone must do their part. Those playing basketball at neighborhood courts must observe posted rules, for example. All drivers must observe posted speed limits and keep an eye out for small children that may wander into the street during play. Young people love to ride bicycles, toy cars, scooters, etc., but they need to be reminded of safety and courtesy rules such as helmet protection, staying out of traffic, and not to ride/play in neighbor's yards unless invited. Also bicycles, toys, etc. need to be stored in sheds or behind patio areas when not in use. These simple lessons in safety and consideration are necessary but also teach our children about discipline and instill character that will go a long way later in life.

## Yard Sales

**There will a yard sale on Saturday, 10 May, from 0800 till 1300. Be sure and check out the fantastic bargains! Please call the Housing Office at 874-5547 for the location and also if you would like to announce a yard sale in the next Newsletter.**



## Pest Control



Pest control is a resident's responsibility. You may get "Combat" roach traps at Self-Help, and mouse traps. However, if you have tried to rid your home of certain pests without success, please call your Community Manager. We can initiate a service call to the BOSS contractor, ALLSTAR, to treat your home for pests. Your Community Manager will advise you what steps to take for your particular problem. Please make sure all window screens are fitting properly and have no holes for wasps and other flying pests to enter. If you are not satisfied with the pest control treatment you received from the BOS contractor, please contact your Community Manager immediately.

## Guests



A reminder that all guests in quarters staying overnight from out of town should be cleared through the Housing Office. This includes guests with a military ID (retired or active duty). You may complete a "Guest in Quarters" form at the Housing Office, or we will be glad to fax one to your home or office.

## WINDOW WASHING



The Housing Maintenance Contractor will be washing upstairs windows in all two- story units beginning in May. The work will be accomplished on weekends and evenings. The contractor will contact you before beginning work at your house, advising you what you should do in preparation. Should you have any questions, please contact the Housing Trouble Desk at 872-0400.



## PRESSURE WASHING



The Housing Maintenance Contractor will begin pressure-washing siding in May for selected housing units in Conway and Enterprise. The contractor will notify you in advance if your house is to be pressure-washed.

## PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS

Our maintenance contractor is also beginning his PM inspections. Please call the contractor at 872-0400 and schedule your PM if you are not at home when the contractor comes to your home. Your door will be tagged.



## MOSQUITO CONTROL



Mosquito control season began 15 April. Pest Control personnel are in the process of treating all standing water with larvicide. Fogging for mosquitoes will begin whenever Pest Control determines the need exists.

## WHERRY DEMOLITION



The demolition contractor is still preparing the units for the demolition process. No exact date is known yet for the houses to be torn down, as the contractor is still meeting the environmental requirements. Please be sure and caution your children not to play near the vacant units. Any act of vandalism will result in parents being charged for damages and disciplinary action will be taken.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

If you have accumulated a lot of hazardous items over the winter months, such as paint and chemicals, you may dispose of it properly at the upcoming collection of hazardous household items to be held Saturday, 31 May, from 0830 till 1430 hours at the Shelby Showplace Arena Parking lot on Germantown Parkway.

